



# EAST SIDNEY LAKE, NY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
FACT SHEET as of February 2015

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**AUTHORIZATION:** The project is a unit of the comprehensive flood control plan for the protection of communities in southern New York and eastern Pennsylvania authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936, as amended by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938, and is described in House Document No. 702, 77<sup>th</sup> Congress, second session.

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood Risk Management, Recreation and Environmental Stewardship.

**CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY:** Contributes to Executive Order 13508 goals to protect habitat and water quality and expand public access within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**PROJECT PHASE:** Operation and Maintenance

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators **Schumer** and **Gillibrand (NY)**, Representative **Gibson (NY-19)**

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** None

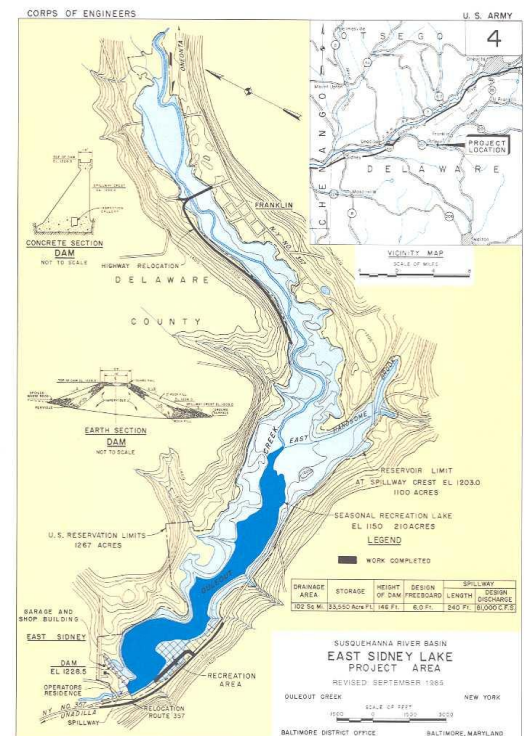
## **BACKGROUND:**

East Sidney Lake is located on Ouleout Creek, about five miles above the confluence of the creek with the Susquehanna River near Unadilla, NY.

The dam is a combined earthfill and concrete gravity type structure, it is 2,010 feet long, rising 146 feet from firm rock and 130 feet above the streambed, with a spillway and five gate-controlled outlets in the concrete section. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 33,550 acre-feet at spillway crest and an area of 1,100 acres when filled to that level. The project controls a drainage area of 102 square miles, five percent of the watershed of the Susquehanna River upstream from Binghamton, NY, exclusive of the separately controlled Chenango River. The project forms part of the protection for Binghamton, and it reduces flood heights throughout the Susquehanna River basin. The cost of the East Sidney project was \$6,049,504.

Under a Corps real estate agreement, the Town of Sidney operates and maintains the East Sidney Recreation Area. Recreational facilities include a beach, picnic area, playground, campground, and boat launch.

**STATUS:** Project is operational. Flood damages prevented through fiscal 2014 are estimated at \$287,484,000. Recreation attendance in fiscal 2012 was 58,257 visitor hours.



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**BUDGET:****Federal Funds Data**

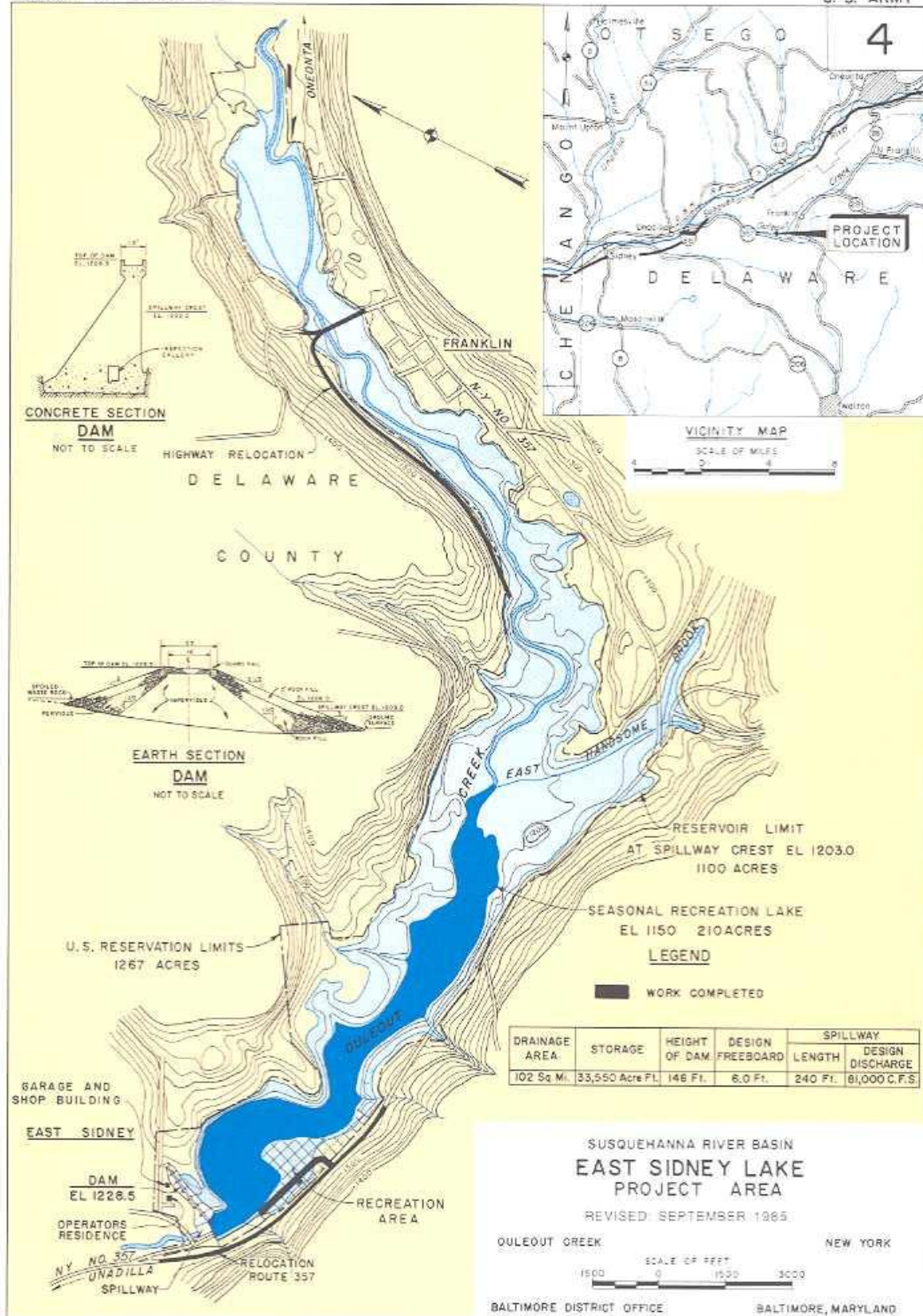
Allocation for FY 2014	675,200
President Budget FY 2015	697,000
Allocation for FY 2015	TBD

**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2014 Completed Work:** Funding was used to perform normal operation and maintenance of the project.

**FY 2015 Scheduled Work:** Normal operation and maintenance of the project will continue.

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